IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE ST. JUDE MEDICAL, INC.,

SILZONE HEART VALVES PRODUCTS

LIABILITY LITIGATION : MDL DOCKET NO. 01-1396

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 46

This stipulated Order supersedes Pretrial Order No. 45, which governed the procedures for discovery of expert witnesses who will be offering opinions on issues of general applicability that will be relevant to the cases pending in this MDL (hereinafter "generic experts").

The parties having stipulated thereto, it is hereby ordered and adjudged:

- 1. By September 30, 2005, Plaintiffs shall identify all generic experts the plaintiffs intend to offer and shall produce Rule 26(a) (2) reports of those generic experts.
- 2. By November 7, 2005, Defendants shall identify all generic experts they intend to offer and produce the Rule 26(a)(2) reports of those generic experts.
- 3. By November 29, 2005, Plaintiffs shall identify all generic experts they intend to offer in rebuttal and produce the Rule 26(a)(2) reports of those generic experts.
- 4. Depositions of designated generic experts shall take place between December 15, 2005 and March 17, 2006. The depositions of Plaintiffs' generic experts shall proceed and be completed before the depositions of Defendants' generic experts.

5. All documents, articles, data compilations and other material on which a

generic expert relied in formulating his or her opinion shall be produced no later than ten

(10) days in advance of a generic expert's deposition.

6. Depositions of generic experts shall be limited to fourteen (14) hours.

7. Daubert motions pertaining to generic expert testimony may be filed no

later than thirty (30) days after all expert depositions have been completed. Oppositions

to Daubert motions pertaining to generic expert testimony are due thirty (30) days after

such motions have been filed. Reply briefs are due fifteen (15) days after the oppositions

have been filed.

Dated: August 30, 2005

At Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/John R. Tunheim JOHN R. TUNHEIM

United States District Judge